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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An illuminating apparatus for a work vehicle comprising:
a front illuminating unit;
a side illuminating unit;
a frame supporting the front illuminating unit and the side illuminating unit;

and

a translucent lens unit covering the front illuminating unit and the side illuminating unit;

~~wherein the front illuminating unit and the side illuminating unit are supported to the frame;~~

the translucent lens unit comprises a one-piece translucent lens directly connected and supported to the frame; and

the frame includes an attaching portion for attaching the frame to a front portion of the vehicle body.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said front illuminating unit comprises a pair of right and left front lamps and said side illuminating unit comprises a pair of right and left side lamps.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the frame includes a front frame portion for supporting the right and left front lamps and side frame portions extending from opposed ends of the front frame portion to the rear side of the vehicle body for supporting the side lamps.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said translucent lens includes a front lens portion covering the right and left front lamps and side lens portions covering the right and left side lamps.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the frame defines a recess for accommodating the front lamps and the side lamps therein and an opening of this recess is closed by the translucent lens.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein a pair of right and left pair of the side lamps are attached and supported laterally of the vehicle body.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a side lamp reflector for reflecting beam from said each side lamp is formed symmetric in the right and left direction across the side lamp in a plan view.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the [a] side lamp reflector is formed vertically asymmetric across the side lamp in a side view with an upper portion of the reflector above the side lamp being wider than a lower portion thereof below the side lamp.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the side lamp on the inner side of steering is automatically turned ON in response to an ON instruction from a switching device for each side lamp and also to the steering of steering wheels by an angle exceeding a predetermined angle.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the side lamp is automatically turned ON in response to an ON instruction from a switching device for each front lamp and also to an ON instruction from a switching device for each side lamp.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said each side lamp is automatically turned ON, in response to an ON instruction ~~form~~ from a switching device for the side lamp unit and also to a lowering movement of an implement connected to the rear of the vehicle body to a lowered work position.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said each side lamp is automatically turned ON, in response to an ON instruction ~~form~~ from a switching device for the side lamp unit and also to a change in the traveling speed of the vehicle to speed lower than a predetermined speed.

Claim 13 (new): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the front illuminating unit, the side illuminating unit, the frame and the translucent lens are assembled as a single unit.

Claim 14 (new): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the frame includes a front frame portion for supporting right and left front lamps of the front illuminating unit and side frame portions extending rearwardly and integrally from opposed ends of the front frame portion for supporting side lamps of the side illuminating unit such that the side frame portions define a space therebetween in plan view.

Claim 15 (new): An illuminating apparatus for a work vehicle, comprising:

a front illuminating unit;

a side illuminating unit;

a frame supporting the front illuminating unit and the side illuminating unit; and

a light-transmitting unit covering the front illuminating unit and the side illuminating unit;

wherein the light-transmitting unit comprises a one-piece light-transmitting member directly connected and supported to the frame; and

the frame includes an attaching portion for attaching the frame to a front portion of the vehicle body.

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Claim 16 (new): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said front illuminating unit comprises a pair of right and left front lamps and said side illuminating unit comprises a pair of right and left side lamps.

Claim 17 (new): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the front illuminating unit, the side illuminating unit, the frame and the light-transmitting unit are assembled as a single unit.

Claim 18 (new): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the frame includes a front frame portion for supporting the right and left front lamps and side frame portions extending rearwardly and integrally from opposed ends of the front frame portion for supporting the side lamps such that the side frame portions define a space therebetween in plan view.

Claim 19 (new): The illuminating apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the light-transmitting unit is attached to the frame by means of adhesive.